

## REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 1, 2008. Claims 1 to 8, 10 and 16 to 23 and 25 remain pending in the application, with Claims 9, 24 and 26 having been canceled. Claims 1 and 16 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Claim 26 has nonetheless been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 10 and 16 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0002862 (Rodriguez) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0083301 (Murase). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns a receiving apparatus, such as a digital television that receives and displays a list for selecting streaming audio and video content data. In the invention, the receiving apparatus receives content list data that includes a content name for each of a plurality of receivable contents. The receiving apparatus generates a content list based on the received content list data to display the content name of each of the receivable contents data in a list format. In addition, the receiving apparatus estimates a time until each of the content data included in the list becomes viewable, and generates link information with an associated ranking indicating easiness of connection based on the estimated time. The content name and the link information that includes the

ranking are then displayed so that a user can determine which contents they may want to select using the link depending on the easiness of connection.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a receiving apparatus comprising a reception unit constructed to receive content data and content list data via a network, the content list data including information, which includes a content name, for specifying each of a plurality of receivable contents data on the receiving apparatus, a content processing unit constructed to process the content data received by the reception unit to generate video and audio data, a generating unit constructed to generate a content list based on the content list data received by the reception unit, for displaying the content name of each of the plurality of receivable contents data in a list format, an output unit constructed to output the content list generated by the generating unit, and the video and audio data to a display apparatus, and a control unit constructed to estimate a time until each of the content data becomes viewable, based on processing of each of the content data included in the content list, and to generate link information with an associated ranking indicating easiness of connection based on the estimated time, wherein the generating unit generates the content list which relates the link information of each content data to the content name of each content data.

Claim 16 is a method claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 1.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of amended independent Claims 1 and 16, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a receiving apparatus receiving content data and content list data via a network, the content list data including information, which includes a content name, for specifying each of a plurality of

receivable contents data on the receiving apparatus, generating a content list based on the received content list data, for displaying the content name of each of the plurality of receivable contents data in a list format, estimating a time until each of the content data becomes viewable, based on processing of each of the content data included in the content list, and generating link information with an associated ranking indicating easiness of connection based on the estimated time, wherein the content list is generated to relate the link information of each content data to the content name of each content data.

Rodriguez is seen to disclose a system for downloading recordable media content at one of a plurality of various download times for purchase of the content. Specifically, Rodriguez includes an interactive guide that displays the names of programs and the times that the programs would normally be broadcast. The system also includes a video-on-demand (VOD) catalog. In the VOD catalog, the user can browse various video contents to be purchased. When an item is select, various download times to start downloading and the price for each download may vary depending on the start time of the download. However, Rodriguez is not seen to teach the content list as claimed in the present invention, and in particular, the content list that includes a plurality of contents, each of which includes a ranking of easiness of connection based on the estimated time when the contents becomes viewable, and displaying the ranking in association with the content name on the content list.

Murase is not seen to disclose anything that, when combined with Rodriguez, would have made up for the foregoing deficiencies. In this regard, Murase is directed to a system for delivery and reproduction of continuous streams of video and/or audio data. In Murase, multiple streams of data are sent by a server to a client terminal.

The client terminal can immediately start reproduction of the first stream, while the second stream is received and decompressed. In this manner, the second stream can be continuously received and reproduced after completion of reproduction of the first stream without any interruption. The same processes are repeated for a third and subsequent streams. However, Murase is not seen to teach the features of the invention, and specifically, is not seen to teach anything that, when combined with Rodriguez, would have resulted in the features of a receiving apparatus receiving content data and content list data via a network, the content list data including information, which includes a content name, for specifying each of a plurality of receivable contents data on the receiving apparatus, generating a content list based on the received content list data, for displaying the content name of each of the plurality of receivable contents data in a list format, estimating a time until each of the content data becomes viewable, based on processing of each of the content data included in the content list, and generating link information with an associated ranking indicating easiness of connection based on the estimated time, wherein the content list is generated to relate the link information of each content data to the content name of each content data. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 16 are believed to be allowable over Rodriguez and Murase.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 1 and 16, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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